



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1273

LCO No. 4122

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Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

AN ACT CONCERNING ELIMINATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS FOR COMPANIES THAT REDUCE RETIREMENT BENEFITS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) On and after October 1,
2 2005, the state and any agency of the state that provides direct or
3 indirect financial assistance to any business organization shall require,
4 as a condition to receiving financial assistance, that the business
5 organization not eliminate or reduce, for the period during which the
6 business organization receives such financial assistance, any employee
7 retirement benefit being provided as of such date. If a business
8 organization receiving financial assistance on or after October 1, 2005,
9 reduces any such employee retirement benefit, the full amount of any
10 financial assistance received, and a penalty of five per cent of such
11 amount, shall be repaid to the granting entity. For purposes of this
12 section, "financial assistance" includes, but is not limited to, all forms
13 of loans, grants, guarantees and tax abatements.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2005</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To eliminate state financial assistance to businesses that reduce employee retirement benefits.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]